

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently amended) A protective device against the irritation of the web space between the big toe and adjacent toe or other toes adjacent to one another, due to the wearing of thong-type sandals or other footwear, said device is a flat, and flexible sheet having a thickness of from about 0.015 to about 0.20 mm in shape and comprised of, in combination;
 - (a) a first portion which is a plantar base zone that extends medially and laterally and has a distal base portion extending towards the acral or tip portion of the toes, said first portion conforming to the base of the metatarsal phalangeal joint, to stabilize and prevent dorsal migration of said device;
 - (b) a second zone which is a dorsal flap extending over the dorsal area of the foot; and ~~a web space zone between and of a lesser width than said planter base zone and dorsal flap and between said planter base zone and dorsal flap;~~
 - (c) a web spacer zone between and of lesser width than said plantar base zone and the dorsal flap zone, and which web spacer zone can fold along a vertical axis so that each side of the web spacer touches adjacent toes,

said sheet comprised of an inert plastic material having frictional coefficient properties which enhances its adhering to the foot skin of a human without the need for adhesives.
2. (Cancelled)
- .3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the plastic material is a surgical or nonsurgical viscoelastic material.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the dorsal flap is essentially semi-circular in shape

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the plantar base has wings extending in opposite directions to stabilize and prevent migration.

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the material contains therapeutically effective medicine.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the material is transparent.

9. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the material is flesh color.

10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the material is sterile.